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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary

SUBJECT :

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X1A 1. [REDACTED] have gone out of business, as a result of the
X1A Watergate publicity and subsequent loss of all of their accounts.
X1A [REDACTED] who has retired and lives in Florida, is said to have
lost \$150 K in the downfall of [REDACTED]

X1A 2. [REDACTED] works for Howard Hughes' Summa Corp. and
lives in California.

X1A 3. In the last year or so we have had only two contacts (as far
as CCS knows) with [REDACTED] both at his initiative.

-- His lawyer talked to John Warner, raising the
possibility of CIA paying [REDACTED] for his loss.
The lawyer read the CIA - [REDACTED] contract, left,
and has not been heard from since.

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X1D [REDACTED]

X1A [REDACTED]

4. Office of Security has never had any relationship with
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Donald F. Chamberlain
Inspector General

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

VERY INTERESTING!!

What do we have

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Mr. Regan
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SAN-DEEP THROAT, 430

SAN-FRANCISCO (AP) - "DEEP THROAT," THE CODE-NAMED SOURCE FOR MANY OF THE WASHINGTON POST'S DISCLOSURES ABOUT THE WATERGATE COVER-UP, WAS ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS OF THE CIA TO PROTECT THE AGENCY FROM MEDIA SCRUTINY, ROLLING STONE MAGAZINE REPORTED WEDNESDAY.

IN A COPYRIGHT ARTICLE, THE MAGAZINE IDENTIFIES THE CELEBRATED SOURCE AS ROBERT BENNETT, THEN AN OWNER OF A WASHINGTON PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM THAT SERVED AS A FRONT FOR THE CIA. IT WAS BENNETT, THE MAGAZINE SAYS, WHO SUPPLIED POST REPORTER BOB WOODWARD WITH MANY DETAILS OF THE COVERUP CONDUCTED IN THE NIXON WHITE HOUSE.

WOODWARD AND COLLEAGUE CARL BERNSTEIN HAVE REFUSED TO IDENTIFY "DEEP THROAT." THEIR COVERAGE OF THE WATERGATE BURGLARY AND ENSUING COVERUP WON A PULITZER PRIZE FOR THE POST AND WAS DESCRIBED IN THE BOOK AND FILM "ALL THE PRESIDENT'S MEN."

ROLLING STONE REPORTS THAT PROVIDING INFORMATION TO WOODWARD BY HIS CHIEF SOURCE WAS PART OF A CIA EFFORT TO KEEP THE MEDIA FROM INQUIRING INTO THE ROLE OF THE SPY AGENCY AND, PERIPHERALLY, THE LATE BILLIONAIRE HOWARD HUGHES.

BENNETT, SON OF RETIRED UTAH REPUBLICAN SEN. WALLACE BENNETT, IS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED BY THE SUMMA (CORP.), OWNED BY HUGHES. HE WAS UNAVAILABLE FOR COMMENT.

ROLLING STONE AUTHOR HOWARD KOHN CITES AS HIS SOURCES AN EX-CIA OPERATIVE AND A WATERGATE INVESTIGATOR, BOTH UNNAMED. HE REPORTS THAT BENNETT HAD CONNECTIONS WITH THE CIA, THE HUGHES ORGANIZATION AND THEN-WHITE HOUSE ADVISER CHARLES COLSON, WHICH PUT HIM IN THE POSITION OF PROVIDING INFORMATION ABOUT THE COVERUP WHILE PROTECTING THE AGENCY AND HUGHES.

KOHN QUOTES FROM WHAT HE SAYS IS AN INTERNAL CIA MEMO MADE AVAILABLE TO THE SENATE WATERGATE COMMITTEE. "BENNETT HAS BEEN FEEDING STORIES TO BOB WOODWARD WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THERE WOULD BE NO ATTRIBUTION TO BENNETT. WOODWARD IS SUITABLY GRATEFUL FOR THE FINE STORIES AND BYLINES HE GETS AND PROTECTS BENNETT," THE PURPORTED MEMO SAID.

ACCORDING TO ROLLING STONE, BENNETT REPRESENTED HUGHES' INTERESTS IN WASHINGTON AND DID NOT TELL WOODWARD ABOUT PLANS TO BURGLARIZE THE OFFICE SAFE OF PUBLISHER HANK GREENE OF THE LAS VEGAS SUN OR ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF A \$100,000 HUGHES CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION INTENDED FOR THE NIXON RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

NEITHER DID HE OFFER INFORMATION ABOUT THE CIA ROLE IN WATERGATE, THE MAGAZINE SAID. HE CHARTED THIS COURSE, IT REPORTED, ON THE INSTRUCTIONS OF HIGHER UPS IN THE CIA.

ALMA SPENCER, HALO SECRETARIAN, SAID WEDNESDAY THAT A SERIES OF ARTICLES LAST MAY IN THE LAS VEGAS SUN AND ANOTHER ARTICLE LAST MAY IN THE NEW YORK TIMES BOTH PLATED THAT BENNETT WAS "DEEP THROAT." SAID BENNETT DENIED THE ALLEGATIONS.

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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

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COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)

1. The IG has a set of index slips covering [redacted] & Co. - you can't separate these) about one inch thick.

2. Attached are some representative documents. The first is a wrap-up of unknown dates. The second is material from Senator Baker's investigation, covering [redacted]

3. The other documents - in order of date, are representative of what is in our files, including several showing Helms' support of Howard Hunt in Hunt's efforts to find a job after retirement, which he did eventually, with [redacted]

4. Note that at several places there are references to [redacted] meeting with Woodward of the Washington Post. See second page of 8 Feb document, also p 4 of the 1 Mar 1973 Memo.


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 *GP.*
Do we have any
contact NOW
with  OR
with 

Please tell me!

GPB

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Mr. Bush: The answer is no -
see attached 
3 May

Thank
GPB

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